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a first prong having a length extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion;

and a second prong spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion;

wherein the length of said second prong is has a length of between about 25% and about 45% of the length of said first prong and bends enough to hold said object between said second prong and said bridge portion.

3. (currently amended). A fastener ~~according to claim 1~~, for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate comprising:

a bridge portion having a length;

a first prong extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion;

a second prong spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion;

wherein second prong is substantially shorter than said first prong;

and wherein the length of said second prong is has a length of between about 75% and about 99% of the length of said bridge portion.

4. (currently amended). A fastener ~~according to claim 1~~, for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate comprising:

a bridge portion;

a first prong extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion; and

a second prong spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion;

wherein said bridge portion has a length of about 1/2 inch, said first prong has a length of about 1-1/4 inch and said second prong has a length of about 7/16 inch.

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5. (currently amended). A fastener according to claim [1] 2, wherein said bridge portion, said first prong and said second prong are generally straight-line segments.

6. (original). A fastener according to claim 5, wherein said first prong and said second prong are generally perpendicular to said bridge portion.

7. (currently amended). A fastener according to claim [1] 2, wherein said fastener is made from a shaped wire.

8. (original). A fastener according to claim 7, wherein said shaped wire has a thickness of about 0.05 inch and a width of about 1/16 inch

9. (currently amended). A fastener according to claim [1] 2, wherein said fastener is made from shaped 1018 carbon steel wire.

10. (currently amended). A strip of fasteners for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate, comprising:

a plurality of fasteners connected together in a side-by-side array, wherein each fastener includes a bridge portion, a first prong having a length extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion, and a second prong spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion, wherein said second prong has a length is substantially shorter than between about 25% and about 45% of the length of said first prong and bends enough to hold said object between said second prong and said bridge portion;

wherein each one of said first prongs is aligned generally in a first plane and each one of said second prongs is aligned generally in a second plane so as to form said strip of fasteners.

11. (original). A strip of fasteners according to claim 10, wherein said fasteners are connected together with an adhesive.

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12. (original). A strip of fasteners according to claim 10, wherein each one of said bridge portions is generally straight and each one of said bridge portions is aligned generally in a third plane.

13. (original). A strip of fasteners according to claim 11, wherein said third plane is generally perpendicular to said first plane and said second plane.

14. (new). A fastener for holding and spacing an object at a predetermined distance from a substrate comprising:

a bridge portion having a length;

a first prong having a length extending in a driving direction from said bridge portion;

and a second prong having a length spaced from said first prong and extending generally parallel thereto in the driving direction from said bridge portion;

wherein the length of said second prong is between about 25% and about 45% of the length of said first prong;

and wherein the length of said second prong is between about 75% and about 99% of the length of said bridge portion.

15. (new). A fastener according to claim 2, wherein said fastener is made from shaped wire having a gauge between about 18 and about 12.

16. (new) A fastener according to claim 2, wherein said fastener is made from shaped wire having a gauge between about 16 and about 14.

#### **REMARKS**

This is a response to the office action mailed August 9, 2004, for the above-identified patent application.

The specification stands objected to for informalities. Informalities and typographical errors are corrected as indicated in the substitute specification as explained below.